

HOUSE RESOLUTION 317
By Callicott

A RESOLUTION to honor Franklin High School basketball coach,
Joe Daves upon his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should honor those exemplary citizens who have truly reached the pinnacle of personal and professional achievement and have realized milestones in their distinguished careers; and

WHEREAS, Coach Joe Daves is one such person whose esteemed career as a high school coach and mentor for young people warrants special commendation; and

WHEREAS, Coach Daves has served elementary, high school and junior college athletics with distinction in our great state for twenty-seven remarkable years; in his laudable career, Joe Daves has coached more than 741 games; and

WHEREAS, Coach Daves began his brilliant coaching career at Roosevelt Elementary School, leading his young team to an undefeated season, becoming the 1966 county champs; and

WHEREAS, the lessons he taught his young players served them well at the junior and senior high school levels, and later in their chosen professions. One such player who continues to make her mark is Coach Pat Head Summitt of the University of Tennessee Lady Volunteers, who has established herself alongside such coaching legends as John Wooden and Adolph Rupp in NCAA championship victories; and

WHEREAS, Coach Daves moved on to coach at Clarksville High School, and later at Motlow State Community College; while at Motlow State, his teams won two Eastern Division championships, and his 1973 team won the conference championship; and

WHEREAS, Coach Daves was then recruited to become the Franklin High School coach, where he led teams to five county Christmas tournament championships, four district championships, one regional championship (1989) and one state championship (1989); and

WHEREAS, he continued his prodigious career at Clarksville Northeast High School in the early 1990's, leading the 1992 team to the Keysar, District and Regional championships; and

WHEREAS, Coach Daves returned to his beloved Franklin after his stint at Clarksville Northeast to finish his coaching career; and

WHEREAS, during his coaching tenure, Coach Daves has won 513 games and lost only 228, an achievement only realized through years of patience and competence; and

WHEREAS, for years, Coach Daves has shared his numerous accomplishments with his loving wife, Judy, their daughter Jill, son Jeff and his wife, Kim; and

WHEREAS, it is only proper that we pause to specially recognize the numerous accomplishments of Coach Joe Daves and the tremendous contributions he has made to Tennessee school athletics; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we congratulate Coach Joe Daves on 27 outstanding years as a basketball coach in our public schools. We honor him for his exemplary commitment to the athletic development of young people and for the example he sets as a coach and a leader, extending to him our warm regard for an equally happy and fulfilling retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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